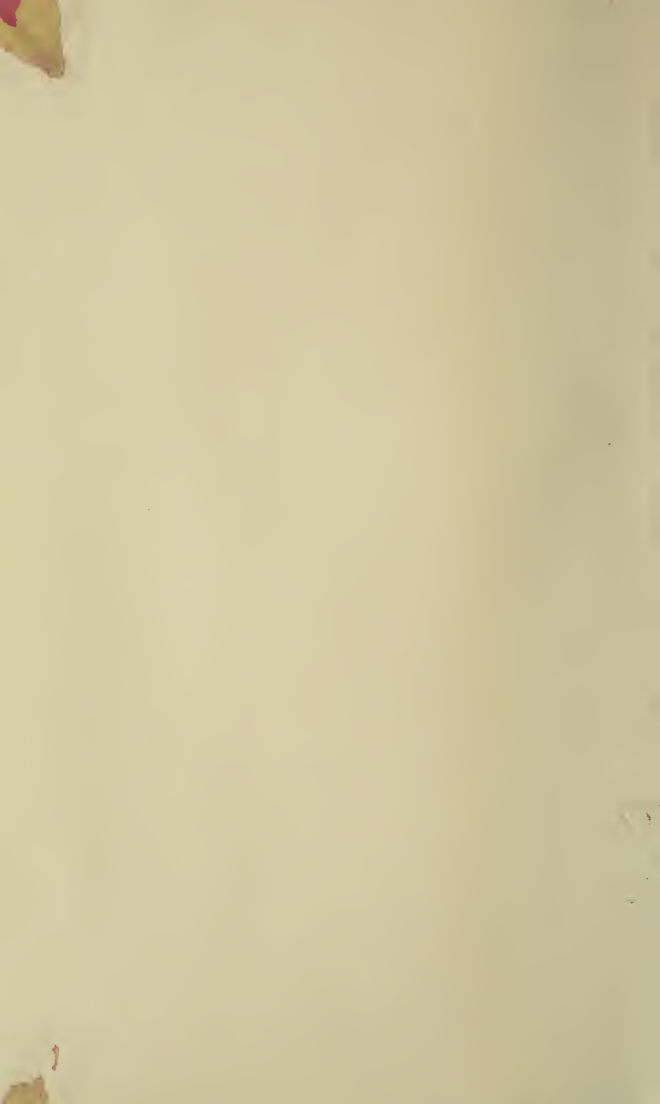


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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.



SECTION 1. This Society shall be known as the Physicians and Surgeons Co-operative Association, of Westfield, Tioga Co., Pennsylvania.

SEC. 2. The object of this Association shall be to protect its members from unjust claims made on them; and to assist them in the collection of their just claims for services.

SEC. 3. The managing officers of this Association shall be a physician and a lawyer, and shall be known as "Collecting Agency," and for the present shall be composed of Dr. A. L. Bottum and Rush Culver, Esq., of Westfield, Pennsylvania.

SEC. 4. Any physician or surgeon in good standing may become a member of this Association by subscribing his name to these articles and paying into the agency the sum of ten dollars, who shall during the continuance of his membership pay annually into said agency the sum of ten dollars as dues—which sum they agree to pay into said agency in consideration of the benefits to be derived from the Association, and to pay the persons composing such agency for their services to be performed by them as hereinafter stated.

SEC. 5. It is the right and it shall be the duty of each member of this Association to attend professionally at all reasonable times, on such persons as may call for professional services except as hereinafter stated, who shall be entitled to receive from his patients pay for such services.

SEC. 6. If the patient for whom such services shall be rendered, shall not within a reasonable time pay for the same, the person rendering such service shall serve upon such delinquent patient a notice in writing that unless the bill is paid within thirty days from the service of such notice, that he will report their name and amount of his bill to the collecting agency for publication and collection.

SEC. 7. After the publication of the name of said delinquent, no member of this Association shall be at liberty to consult or treat him, or her, until said debt is paid or secured. Such pay or security may be received by the member whose services are desired. The member taking such pay and security shall immediately deliver the same to the person who performed the service, and shall also repeat such fact to the collecting agency.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the persons composing such collecting agency in consideration of the money so paid to them:

1st. To keep an office for the transaction of the business of the Association which, until further notice, shall be in the village of Westfield, Pennsylvania.

2nd. To keep a book in which shall be entered at large these articles of Association, to which, and in which, each member of the Association shall subscribe their names respectively.

3rd. To keep a book in which the names of all delinquent patients shall be entered with the amount of the bills reported, and in which he shall also enter the fixed disposition of any delinquents case.

4th. To make and cause to be printed at the end of each month the names of all delinquent patients, their residence, and amount of their bill; and shall mail to each member of the association a copy of said report.

5th. To make annually, at the end of each year, a full report of the proceedings of the association, in which they shall state the name and residence of each member of the Association; the amount of money received, and from what source; the name and residence of each delinquent patient, and the amount of his or her bill, the name of each patient from whom he has made collection, the amount collected, and the disposition of the proceeds thereof.

6th. When directed by any member of the Association they shall proceed to collect any bill against any delinquent patient, but at the expense of the member

giving direction, and any money collected from such delinquent patient or patients to be paid by them to the member who performed the service, after deducting their fees and disbursements.

SEC. 9. In case any member of the Association shall neglect to give notice to the delinquent and report a delinquent patient as provided in section six, or in case any member of the Association shall treat any delinquent patient after his name has been reported to the collection agency before the debt is paid or secured as provided in section seven, he shall forfeit to, and shall pay into the collecting agency the sum of Ten Dollars.

SEC. 10. In case the members of the collecting agency shall fail to perform the duties for it to perform as set forth in section 8, the number composing said agency shall forfeit their office, and shall on request of any number of members, not less than one-half of all, in writing, turn over the books and papers relating to the Association, to such persons as shall be designated by a like number of members, to conduct the business of said Association.

SEC. 11. To the true and faithful performance of the conditions contained in foregoing articles of Association, we bind ourselves firmly by subscribing our names and affixing our seals hereto.

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